

noted some years ago, after Ukrainian cosmonaut Leonid Kadenyik joined American astronauts on the space shuttle, “Not even the sky is the limit to Ukrainian-U.S. cooperation.”

America will stand with Ukraine as you fight for a free and prosperous future. We will support Ukraine’s efforts to take your rightful place among the nations of Europe and alongside the world’s free market democracies.

As you open your economy, strengthen the rule of law, and protect a free press, you are both attacking the ills that led to the Chernobyl disaster and building a future where the children of Ukraine can live their dreams. America is on your side. We wish you Godspeed.

Slava Ukrayini.

NOTE: The President spoke at approximately 1:15 p.m. in Room 459 in the Dwight D. Eisenhower Executive Office Building, and his remarks were videotaped for later broadcast in Ukraine. In his remarks, he referred to President Leonid Kuchma of Ukraine. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

Statement on International Trade Commission Action Against Gray Market Cigarettes

December 15, 2000

Today I am allowing the U.S. International Trade Commission’s exclusion order and cease and desist order regarding certain Brown & Williamson cigarettes (ITC Case Number 337-TA-424) to stand. Together with the legislation (Public Law 106-476) that I signed on November 9, 2000, these orders will ensure that no so-called gray market cigarettes are imported into the United States—including not only the two brands covered under the ITC orders but all brands of gray market cigarettes as provided in the November legislation. In the same way that the report language for the November legislation made clear that it was in no way intended to alter current policies with respect to other gray market goods, I want to make clear that my allowing these orders to take effect should not be interpreted as setting

a precedent for the treatment of other gray market goods.

Statement on Action Against International Crime

December 15, 2000

The growing reach of international crime poses threats to American citizens and American interests, both at home and abroad. Illegal activity from terrorism to trafficking in arms, drugs, or humans violates our values and threatens our safety. Intellectual property theft, financial fraud, and corruption also can endanger our prosperity and undercut public confidence in democracy and free markets around the world.

To confront these challenges, today I am pleased to announce several important initiatives in our ongoing efforts to combat international crime.

First, we are releasing a comprehensive International Crime Threat Assessment, prepared at my direction, as part of our International Crime Control Strategy adopted in May, 1998. The new assessment highlights the global dimensions of international crime and the ways this pervasive problem threatens U.S. interests. This broader understanding is necessary if we, together with our international partners, are to strengthen our response to this global problem.

Second, earlier this week in Palermo, Italy, the United States joined many other countries in signing the United Nations Convention on Transnational Organized Crime, along with two supplementary protocols on migrant smuggling and trafficking in persons. By harmonizing criminal laws and promoting increased cooperation, the new convention and its protocols will enable the international community to better combat international organized crime.

Third, the Departments of State and Justice are establishing a Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Persons Coordination Center. The Center will integrate and improve our efforts to counter these distinct but related global crime problems. The Center also will promote and assist increased efforts by foreign governments and international organizations to combat these problems.

The United States is strongly committed to strengthening our international crime control programs to achieve a world of greater safety, prosperity, and justice. We urge the international community to join us in enhancing our common efforts to advance these common aims.

Memorandum on Funding for Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance

December 15, 2000

Presidential Determination No. 2001-05

Memorandum for the Secretary of State

Subject: Presidential Determination Pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Migration and Refugee Assistance Act of 1962, as Amended

Pursuant to section 2(c)(1) of the Migration and Refugee Assistance Act of 1962, as amended, 22 U.S.C. 2601(c)(1), I hereby determine that it is important to the national interest that up to \$33 million be made available from the U.S. Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance Fund to meet the unexpected urgent refugee and migration needs, including those of refugees, displaced persons, conflict victims, and other persons at risk, due to crises in Guinea, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Afghanistan, the North Caucasus, Serbia, and the Middle East. These funds may be used, as appropriate, to provide contributions to international, governmental, and nongovernmental organizations. I understand that you will be forwarding a separate request to meet requirements for refugee assistance in Bosnia and Croatia.

You are authorized and directed to inform the appropriate committees of the Congress of this determination and the use of funds under this authority, and to arrange for the publication of this determination in the *Federal Register*.

William J. Clinton

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

December 10

In the evening, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Ehud Barak of Israel concerning the Middle East peace process and the Prime Minister's resignation.

December 11

In the evening, the President and Hillary and Chelsea Clinton traveled to Dublin, Ireland, arriving the following morning.

December 12

In the morning, the President met with President Mary McAleese of Ireland in the Drawing Room of the President's House. Later, he met with Prime Minister Bertie Ahern of Ireland in the Prime Minister's Office. In the afternoon, the President and Hillary and Chelsea Clinton traveled to Dundalk, Ireland, and in the evening, they traveled to Belfast, Northern Ireland.

The President announced his intention to appoint Evan S. Dobbelle as a member of the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development.

The President announced his intention to appoint Bob Armstrong, William Debuys, Karen Durkovich, Palemon A. Martinez, Stephen D. Stoddard, Thomas W. Swetnam, and David R. Yepa as members of the Valles Caldera Trust.

The President announced his intention to appoint Joseph E. Pizzorno, Jr., as a member of the White House Commission on Complementary and Alternative Medicine Policy.

December 13

In the morning, the President met with First Minister David Trimble and Deputy First Minister Seamus Mallon of Northern Ireland in the Members Dining Room of the Stormont Parliament Building. Later, he had separate meetings with Prime Minister Tony